



General  
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Administration

National Archives

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Records Service Washington, DC 20408

*Records*

October 16, 1978

[Redacted]  
Associate Records Management Officer  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, DC 20505

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Dear [Redacted]

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Thank you for offering the six and one-half cubic feet of the German glass slides, to the National Archives and Records Service (NARS).

We have determined that these records do not have sufficient historical and research value to warrant permanent retention by the Federal Government. We are therefore declining your offer and herewith return a copy of SF 258 (see item 7B).

We suggest, however, that you contact the Library of Congress which, as indicated in your offer, has expressed an interest in acquiring this collection.

Thank you for your offer and continuing cooperation. If you have any questions, please call Ray Tagge of my staff at 724-1069.

Sincerely,

THOMAS W. WADLOW  
Director  
Records Disposition Division

Enclosure

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*To be sent to  
Library of Congress  
(per attached) by*

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19 October 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR:

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Chief, Records Administration Branch

SUBJECT : German Glass Slides

1. In the course of the NPIC Records Review this past summer at [redacted] the subject the German Glass Slides was raised. These slides had been at [redacted] since 1953. They had essentially been forgotten. In 1973 when all OCR/Graphics Register jobs that were germane to the Ground Photo Services Branch were transferred to NPIC custody, the slides were overlooked. This omission was called to the attention of GPSB by OCR by memo in 1977. At that time GPSB accepted custody of the slides.

2. Since accepting custody of the slides, they have been examined by members of GPSB and judged to be of no intelligence value. After this examination the slides were discussed with Mr. George Hobart of the Prints and Photographs Division, Library of Congress. They were tentatively offered to Library of Congress if the transfer could be effected. Mr. Hobart indicated a willingness on the part of the Library of Congress to accept them, if indeed, GPSB could give them to Library of Congress. During the summer of 1978 Mr. Tagge of NARS indicated while at [redacted] that the right of first refusal went to NARS. He was told by me that this was fine, all GPSB wished to do was get rid of this material into someone's custody where it would be available for serious research. Mr. Tagge took samples with him to NARS. Later in the summer more samples were taken to NARS, and eventually to word was passed to me that NARS was not interested in the slides.

3. In an effort to try and get more information on the slides all of the Graphics Register source cards from 1953 back to 1949 were examined (they are on microfilm). This effort took three weeks. No record of any material resembling the slides was discovered. It is my feeling that the then Chief of the Services Section of the Graphics Register sent this

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material to  without having it logged in as he too, recognized that it had no intelligence value. It is suggested that the slides be transferred to:

Library of Congress  
Prints and Photographs Division  
Attn: Mr. George Hobart

The slides can either be shipped directly or you may arrange to have them sent to me and I will ensure that they are delivered to Library of Congress with whatever paperwork you require.



Chief, Ground Photography Services Branch  
RSD/PSG/NPIC

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